

**WHAT MAKES YOU**

**WEAK?**

**PART 2**

## JUDGES 16:15-22 NKJV

**<sup>15</sup> Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength lies.” <sup>16</sup> And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death, <sup>17</sup> that he told her all his heart, and said to her, “No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.”**

**<sup>18</sup> When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart.” So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hand.**

**19 Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him,[a] and his strength left him.**

**20 And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” So he awoke from his sleep, and said, “I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!” But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him.**

**21 Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison. 22 However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven.**

Samson is a Nazarite. Nazarites were restricted from:

- Shaving their hair.
- Touching dead animals.
- Consuming alcohol.

I. Samson is fixated on feelings and not focused on the facts.

II. His desire for Delilah is deeper than his devotion to God.

III. Samson perverted the purpose of his power for his personal pleasure (Judges 14:1-6; 10-20)

a. God gives us strength and power and opportunities so that we can help someone else.

**Samson's purpose was to lead the armies of Israel in victory against the Philistines.**

- i. Samson uses his power to exact revenge for a personal offense. (Judges 15:1-15)
- ii. Samson uses his power to trick the Philistines through riddles. (Judges 14:10-20)
- iii. Samson uses power to protect himself when he goes into Philistine territory to play, party, and to find a woman. (Judges 14-16)

**b. We ought to be connected to something bigger than our own strength**

**i. Are you using What God has blessed you with just for your own personal Gain?**

**ii. How do you manage that which God has given you?**

IV. Samson erroneously attributes the source of his strength to his hair.

a. You have to know where your strength comes from

i. Samson touches a dead animal (Judges 13:7-9)

ii. Samson throws a wedding feast (Judges 13:10)

iii. Samson gets a haircut (Judges 16:15-22)

b. Samson's strength is the Spirit of the Lord (Judges 13:25; 14:6; 14:19; 15:14)

i. When you call on the Lord the Lord will be your strength

ii. Where is your strength?